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Students spread awareness

By MARJIE KOSMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

R.I.G.H.T.S. will be passing out red ribbons in honor of World AIDS Day Friday.

"We are handing out ribbons to promote campus awareness," R.I.G.H.T.S. president Sara Ramsey said.

World AIDS Day began in 1988, when the World Health Organization designated Dec. 1 as a day of international awareness and remembrance of people who have died of AIDS.

This year's theme is titled "AIDS: Men Make a Difference." The campaign focuses on men's risk of contracting the deadly disease and how they can prevent becoming infected.

While women are more at risk for HIV and AIDS, men, especially ages 15 to 24, are still at risk. World AIDS Day 2000 aims to raise male's awareness about the virus.

HIV or human immunodeficiency virus affects the immune system, making it weak and vulnerable to diseases and infections. The vi-

rus then turns into AIDS, or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. The HIV virus is not often what kills its victims; other illnesses and diseases affect the body after HIV has weakened or depleted the immune system.

HIV or AIDS can be contracted through sexual intercourse, sharing needles with an infected person, blood transfusions or an HIV-infected woman can transmit the virus to her baby before or during birth or through breastfeeding.

The U.N. Health agency estimates that 3 million people will die of AIDS this year worldwide. The agency also estimates that 15 percent of all new HIV cases in the United States are reported by 13 to 24 year olds.

HIV and AIDS affects college students worldwide, but many Northwest students do not believe the virus could affect them.

"I think students should be more concerned," broadcasting major Renae Kroll said. "They need to be taught more about it when

they are younger. When they're older, they're not going to be concerned unless it affects them personally."

Efforts to raise awareness around Maryville brought Shawn Decker and Gwenn Barringer to campus when they presented "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus and the Relationship That Happened Anyway" Nov. 16. The open forum allowed students to discuss how the virus affects relationships.

"It was different," English major Pam Lerch said. "Most speakers just talk with a little question and answer period at the end. With this one, the majority of it was questions, and people asked good questions."

The speakers also allowed students to see that AIDS could affect young people as well.

"I think because we're a small school, people don't think it can occur here," Lerch said. "But it affects more people than anyone realizes."

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"HIV forces you to talk about sex," Shawn Decker said. Decker and Gwenn Barringer presented "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus and the Relationship That Happened Anyway" on Nov. 16.

Habitat for Squirrel-manity

By ELIZABETH CROWNOVER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Birds and squirrels on campus can rest a little easier with the help of the University Arboretum and a student organization.

The 102 River Wildlife Club, a group aimed at preserving and working for the environment, constructed four nesting boxes to imitate the environment of natural nesting conditions. Two of these boxes will accommodate squirrels, one will house chickadees and wrens, and another will house screech owls.

The project began when biology professors on the Arboretum committee expressed concern about the loss of cavity trees on campus. Squirrels and screech owls are both cavity nesters that need cavity trees. Cavity trees have hollowed out trunks or branches, but many have recently been removed from campus because they pose a safety threat.

The Arboretum provided the club with scrap wood and asked them to help construct the boxes. Ten club members worked to build the boxes which are almost two feet tall and one foot wide. Each box is painted a natural brown color and has a dis-

tinct-sized hole cut in the front, depending on the species for which it is designed.

Lezlee Johnson, Arboretum coordinator, thinks these boxes serve a great purpose.

"We can show one way that people can help take care of wildlife in a more urban setting," Johnson said.

The boxes will be hung in the upcoming weeks on campus. Johnson's goal is to make one box clearly visible to students with an explanation of what the boxes are for.

Johnson said the Arboretum grounds crew will install the boxes early this week in various areas of campus.

"I think there's a lot of people who enjoy seeing the squirrels," Becky Dahlke, 102 River Wildlife Club President, said. "They're an indication of health on our campus."

Over the next few years, the 102 River Wildlife Club will monitor the nesting boxes and track the results of different wildlife utilizing them.

Not only do these provide a home for a few squirrels and birds, it helps people understand something that they can do in their own backyards to create wildlife habitat, Johnson said.

Box Sizes:

- Squirrel: 22 inches tall, 8 inches wide and 6 inches thick
- Screech Owl: 17 inches tall, 9 inches wide and 6 inches thick
- Wren and Chickadee: 18 inches tall, 8 inches wide and 6 inches thick
- Animal and bird counts are down because of a lack of dead trees on campus for them to live in.

Club works for environment

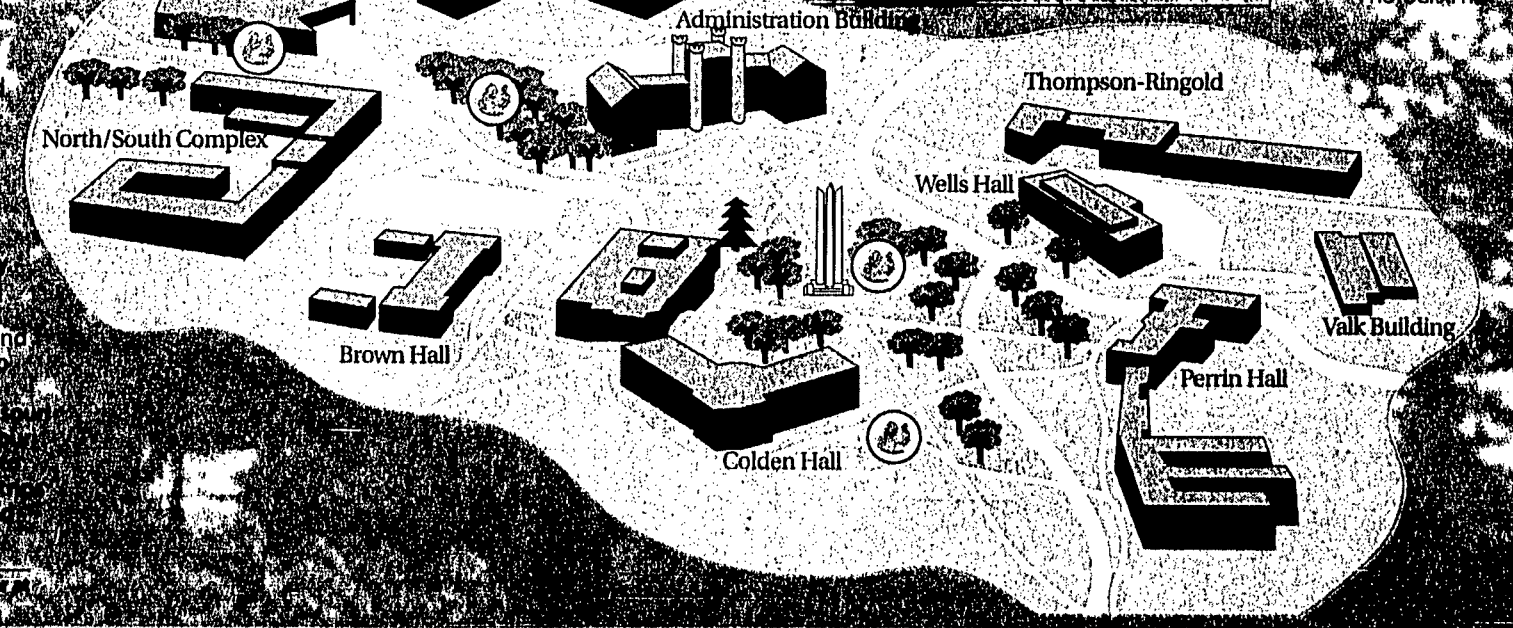
By ELIZABETH CROWNOVER
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Although many students may not have heard of the 102 River Wildlife Club, it has actually been on campus for over 25 years. This year, however, the club is trying to become more visible, club President Becky Dahlke said. The club is comprised of different majors including biology, physics, unified science, chemistry, recreation and geology/geography. During past trimesters the club has been involved in highway clean-up, running a chess station, doing a Christmas bird count and bird-watching programs. The club also has to donate earned money to conservationist organizations such as the Sierra Club, the Missouri Chapter of Nature Conservancy and the Prairie Foundation. The club also has been busy taking part in social events such as the State Park and the Lake of the Ozarks. The club is planning and planning on the next trimester.



Building a home will now be much easier for squirrels thanks to the 102 River Wildlife Club. The group made four nesting homes for squirrels, chickadees and screech owls. Lezlee Johnson, Arboretum coordinator, is the project coordinator.

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School board approves motion to search for superintendent

By TRISHA THOMPSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The search for a new school superintendent was discussed and initialized at a special meeting held by the Maryville R-I School District Wednesday.

The Board of Education approved the motion to engage in services of the Missouri School Boards Association, or MSBA, in the superintendent search.

The MSBA representatives that will be assisting the School District are Robert Gill and Gale Bartow. Gill was present at the special meeting and explained the hiring process, which will

consist of a total of 14 meetings with MSBA representatives and the Board.

The announcement of the open superintendent position will be made Friday. MSBA will notify 525 school districts in Missouri and major colleges and universities. The announcement will also be posted on the MSBA Website and the National School Board Website. The application deadline is set for Jan. 29, with the anticipated candidate decision made by Feb. 21.

MSBA will start the hiring process with input from board members, teachers and community leaders and groups.

"We will interview as many people as you (the board) want us to," Gill said.

MSBA evaluates each candidate that applies independently and then narrows the candidates down by who they think will fit in with the school district. Gill said the MSBA does the preliminary investigating while the Board goes more in-depth with each candidate.

"The board will be deeply involved in this process," Board member Ray Courter said.

Gary Bell, the current superintendent, was hired seven years ago from services provided by MSBA.

"I feel it was a very professional process and a great experience for my wife and I," Bell said.

Bell announced his intent to resign on Nov. 15. Under Bell's direction, the board of education passed a school district bond issue in April 1997. He is also currently trying to pass a tax levy for teacher and staff salary increases.

There will be an open forum to discuss the tax levy and the superintendent search Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building.

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Education program accredited

By SARA SITZMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education recently granted Northwest a continued accreditation for the next five years.

Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said Northwest has been accredited by the NCATE since the 1950s. Accreditation is based on a report given by reviewers after an onsite visit.

Nine national and state educators spent Feb. 5 through Feb. 9 on campus, Ruhl said. Northwest was the first school in Missouri to have an official visit by a team of NCATE and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education members.

"These are very challenging visits," Ruhl said. "We came away from all that very well."

The DESE approval will come Thursday at a state board meeting. The approval will accredit all programs for another five years.

The members recommended Northwest continue its efforts to improve issues in diversity, Ruhl said.

He said the members would also like to see an increase in the number of minority students in the undergraduate, graduate and faculty areas.

"They would like to see us ensure every graduate student experience a practicum placement in an urban school," Ruhl said.

The NCATE commended the University's integration of technology into courses that teacher education students take and the electronic portfolio required of all undergraduate teacher education majors.

"They were highly complimentary of our efforts to promote technology," Ruhl said.

Ruhl said he appreciated the leadership that was provided by the NCATE/DESE Steering Team led by Terry Barmann. Along with Ruhl and Barmann, other members of the team included Northwest faculty Marvin Hoskey, Nancy Zeliff, Betty Bush, Jean Bouas, Mike Graham, Nancy Riley, Janet Reusser and Phil Messner.

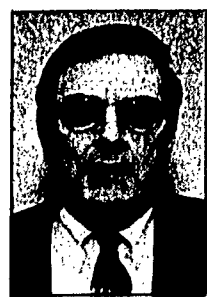
Preparation for the visit started two and a half years ago, Ruhl said. Work areas have to be prepared, and an exhibit room of documents and a display room have to be set up.

Ruhl said the visits are important events.

"If we didn't have state accreditation we couldn't run any programs, so it's absolutely imperative," Ruhl said.

A luncheon will be the first week of December for all in the teacher education unit to celebrate the progress and the continued accreditation.

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GARY BELL
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SUPERINTENDENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Holiday Craft and Bake Sale**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Francis Hospital Lobby
 ■ **Maryville Women's Aglow Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Nodaway County Senior Center

FRIDAY

■ **KXCV/KRNW New York City Tour, "Christmas in the City"**
 ■ **World AIDS Day**
 ■ **Steve Hayes Design Exhibit** closes, DeLuce Gallery
 ■ **"Dance Revolution" dance concert**, 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Holiday Craft and Bake Sale**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Francis Hospital Lobby

SATURDAY

■ **KXCV/KRNW New York City Tour, "Christmas in the City"**
 ■ **C-BASE Test**, 8 a.m., Colder Hall
 ■ **Christmas Open House**, Caleb Burn's Working Man's Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ **4-H Club "Make and Take"**
 ■ **Holiday Crafts Fair**, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Nodaway County Community Building
 ■ **Breakfast with Santa**, 8 a.m.-10 a.m., First Christian Church

SUNDAY

■ **KXCV/KRNW New York City Tour, "Christmas in the City"**
 ■ **Wind Symphony Concert**, 3 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **ABC Kwanzaa Celebration**, 6 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ **Christmas Open House**, Caleb Burn's Working Man's Museum, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, 6 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 ■ **"The Christmas Family Tree"**, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church

MONDAY

■ **KXCV/KRNW New York City Tour, "Christmas in the City"**
 ■ **IM 3-on-3 basketball play** begins, 7 p.m.
 ■ **"The Christmas Family Tree"**, 3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church

TUESDAY

■ **Cancer Support Group**, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

WEDNESDAY

■ **CLEP, GED, and MAT Tests**, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ **Support/Professional Staff Women's Reception**, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Gaunt House
 ■ **Lab Series: "All in the Timing"**, 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre
 ■ **Yuletide Feast**, 6 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

THURSDAY

■ **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
 ■ **CLEP, GED, and MAT Tests**, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ **Fall Pottery Sale**, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., DeLuce Building Basement
 ■ **Yuletide Feast**, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom

COMMUNITY

Order forms available for tree distribution

The Nodaway County University Outreach and Extension Center now has forms for ordering seedling trees and shrubs. These seedlings, grown by the Missouri Department of Conservation, are sold to persons desiring to make conservation plantings.

Plantings may be made for such purposes as Christmas trees, the production of wood products, wildlife food and cover, windbreaks, erosion control, nut production or beautification.

The application lists the species that are available and the price. It also outlines the ordering procedure. May 1 is the last date for accepting order for regular shipment.

Santa Claus to visit church for breakfast

The First Christian Church is playing host to a Christmas break-

fast Saturday. The buffet breakfast is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will offer a variety of fun activities.

Pancakes, biscuits with sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, muffins, fruit, coffee and juice will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Some of the activities will include pictures with Santa, raffles, face painting and make it/take it crafts with elves. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Little Miss Northwest applications available

The Little Miss Northwest Pageant Committee is accepting applications for the Little Miss Northwest 2001 contest.

The pageant is open to children ages 5 to 7 and living in Nodaway County.

The first 10 participants who apply by Dec. 8 will be accepted.

Four phases of the contest include: fundraising, personal interview, on-stage interview and on-stage modeling of a party dress.

The winner of Little Miss Northwest will receive a crown, trophy, sash, flowers and a \$100 savings bond. She will also ride in the

Nodaway County Fair parade and the Northwest Homecoming parade. Other county or area parades will be at the discretion of the winner and her parents. First and 2nd runners up will receive a sash and a special gift provided by the pageant committee.

Applications are available at the Maryville Daily Forum or by contacting Co-Director Kay Owens at 582-2099. The contest is scheduled for Jan. 13 at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Youth Appreciation Week honors three students

Three students were honored by the Maryville Optimist Club with recognition and plaques at a breakfast ceremony Nov. 16.

Sixth grade students Molly Hansen, St. Gregory's; Ashley Spalding, Horace Mann; and Alex Wray, Maryville Middle school received the honors.

Selection for the awards were based on optimistic attitude, classroom contributions and use of talents.

Youth Appreciation Week was Nov. 13-19.

UNIVERSITY

Arboretum plants trees near library, stadium

The Arboretum has added several new species of trees to Northwest's already wide variety.

Nine pine trees were planted north of Owens Library. Originally there were only Austrian Pines, but Red Pines, Bosnian Pines and Japanese Black Pines were added to the mix.

Shantung Maples have also been added during a commemorative tree planting east of the scoreboard at Rickenbrode Stadium.

Another commemorative tree planting near Wells Hall honored Aaron and Erin Shipley's wedding. There tree was a Freeman Maple.

Comment card system to become easier to use

An integral part of Northwest's Culture of Quality is the comment card program, and with a grant

Studying in the stands



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Maryville High School students work on their homework before the boys' basketball game Tuesday night. The Spoofhounds won the game 70 - 57.

from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the program is undergoing some changes to reduce the cost of the process while improving its quality. The program was implemented in 1993. Since then, thousands of comment cards have found their way to the president's office.

One way the program is being streamlined is to increase the number of online submissions.

Comments can currently be submitted online at www.nwmissouri.edu/home/comments or e-mailed to comment@mail.nwmissouri.edu.

The comment card has undergone a format change in recent months. The old version contained a numbered scale from one to five, depending on the person's satisfaction. The new cards have done away with that system, providing more space for more detailed comments.

Musicians to perform symphony, jazz concert

The sound of music will fill the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center at 3 p.m. Sunday during Northwest's Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble concert.

Dr. Charles Rochester Young will be a guest conductor at the concert. Young has been recognized nationally for his work as a composer and a saxophonist. The Wind Symphony will perform two of Young's pieces, and the Jazz En-

semble will perform one of his pieces, featuring Young as the lead saxophonist.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a work called "David," in which the music and drama tells the Biblical story of David and Goliath. Guest vocalist Dr. Alissa Walters, assistant professor of music, also will perform in this piece.

The concert, which will begin with the Jazz Ensemble followed by the Wind Symphony, is free and open to the public.

Storyteller and artist showcased at celebration

The Alliance of Black Collegians will be sponsoring an event in celebration of Kwanzaa at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Wesley Center.

Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration with a focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility and self-improvement. The celebration is not a political or religious holiday.

Storyteller Albion Mends and artist Carolyn Mends will give a presentation about the holiday. A gospel choir will also perform at this event.

Tickets are \$3 and can only be purchased in advance at the Intercultural and International Office.

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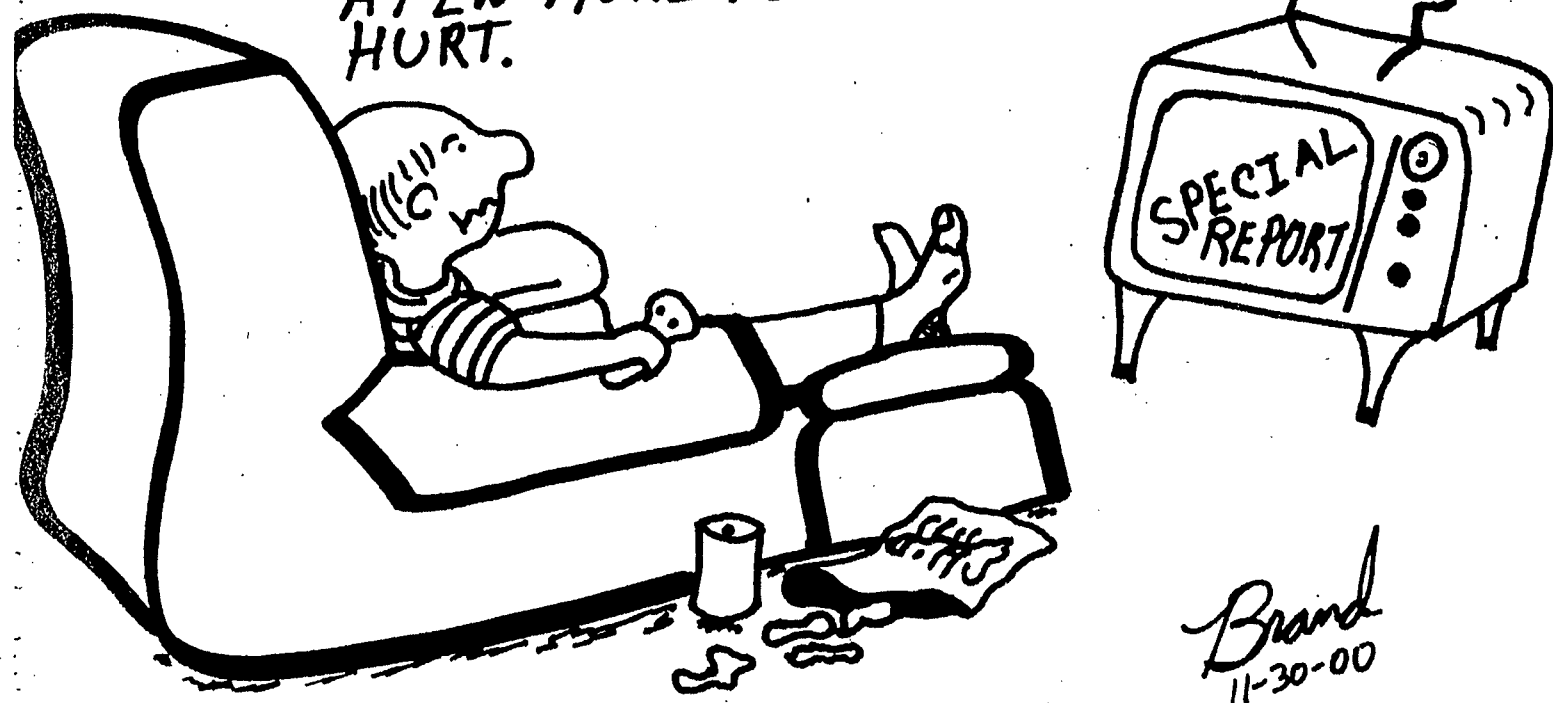
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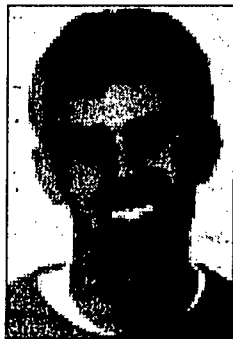
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MY VIEW

Thanksgiving holiday provides cherished memories



MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

You know how sometimes you just have to get away from it all?

With classwork and personal issues piling up, not to mention my all-time favorite band, Ben Folds Five, announcing their breakup and the nightmare of the Bearcats' loss in the first round of the playoffs, the Thanksgiving holiday could not have come at a better time for me.

After all, gray hairs were appearing on my head so fast that I was beginning to think taking a job as Santa Claus might not be a bad idea during the Christmas break.

Through it all, this college kid found a lot to be thankful for this year.

With my immediate family spread throughout the Midwest, it has become somewhat of a tradition for my parents, who manage a United Methodist camp in central Wisconsin, to come down and visit my younger brother, Joel, and I.

They arrived just in time to help a friend and I move into our new apartment. We worked for hours cleaning and turning it into a good home. Despite her battle with Multiple Sclerosis, my mom has a strength that I admire tremendously, and our small kitchen looked like the work of Martha Stewart by the time she was done with it.

My dad had all the tools that have ever been invented spread out on the floor while he put together tables and various other items we picked up at Wal-Mart. After awhile I lost track of how many trips we made to the super store. I think I saw one of the managers grinning

when she saw us walk in for another trip, waiting to get some more of our money.

After a couple of days in the 'Ville, we toured to Manhattan, Kan., to meet Joel, the landscape architecture major at Kansas State University. If Joel and I have anything in common, it's our ability to avoid sleep. With his schedule in the studio and my schedule at *The Missourian*, e-mailing each other at 3 a.m. has become a favorite pastime.

We met Joel at his apartment and, after an emotional breakup with his long-time girlfriend a couple of days earlier, it was his turn to get the advice and support of my parents. Although my brother was torn apart by his loss, the four of us were thrilled just to be sitting in the same room together, because spending time with each other has become a rarity these days.

On Thanksgiving Day, my mom didn't prepare an extraordinary dinner. Nor did we invite a load of people over to spend the day with us. Instead we watched the Macy's parade and shared a simple ham dinner — just the four of us. In addition to spending a little time with close friends, whom I don't get to see as often either, it was one of the most memorable Thanksgivings I may ever experience.

Too often we get wrapped up in the stress of a 10-page term paper or disagreements with a roommate that we forget the simple things in life. The paper and disagreements will soon be forgotten, but the memories of time shared with loved ones will never fade.

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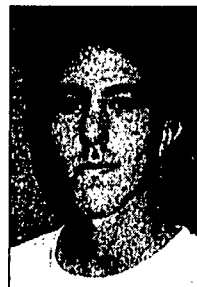
YOUR VIEW

What is your opinion on the latest Florida recounts?



"The recount shows me that they want to have a clear cut winner."

Linda Baron
Psychology major



"Both the republicans and democrats seem to just be wanting to put down the other side and it is really getting tiring."

Jason Harrington
Maryville resident



"It has been a long process, but at least they are making sure it is done correct."

Isaac Franklin
Maryville resident



"I am really sick and tired in what is going on. Both parties have been dragging this out and really only seem to care to beat the other person"

Katie Masters
Maryville resident



"I just hope in the end, they feel confident they have done the right and correct thing."

Laura Truman
Education major

OUR VIEW

Give it up

As nation becomes frustrated, jokes about recounts, vice president should concede election to governor

The votes are in and the recount is complete. So who is the 43rd president? Or who really cares anymore?

Like a game that ended moments ago but the coaches are still questioning the calls, the winner has been determined through a tedious hand-recount. But Al Gore continues to press the court for a "fair and full count."

It's time for Gore to give up. After launching several court challenges, he has managed to stretch the election through the end of November. Americans who backed him are beginning to turn and the country's mood is beginning to sour.

The elections have become the theme for every late-night comedian, nationally and internationally. The jokes will drag on forever but the president will not. If Bush ever moves into the White House, his presidency will be marred by the controversy of the election and knowing that he has a 50 percent approval rating.

We have a unique voting system. In no other country could a person win the popular vote and lose the election. Unfair? Maybe. Crazy? Not necessarily. Without the electoral college presidential candidates may not bother campaigning in the Midwest. The electoral college balances out less populated areas and helps to make people's voice heard.

Despite the jokes and frustrations about our government, we should be proud of it. Unlike other countries, we are able to express our feelings about the election because of the freedom our government allows.

The close margin of victory has shone a light on every part of the democratic process, teaching people about the importance of voting.

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NATIONAL VIEW

RU-486 abortion, not contraception

STAFF EDITORIAL
THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - The University of Houston Health Center will not carry the abortion-inducing drug RU-486. In the words of director, Floyd Robinson, it "will only be given to those institutions that perform (surgical) abortions."

The University isn't alone. Other public university campuses won't offer the drug either, which is the first legal alternative to surgical abortions in the United States. Robinson said no college clinic will prescribe the drug. Most schools, like UH, cite logistical reasons — such as the lack of the proper medical facilities — for not disbursing the drug to patients.

Florida Atlantic University Health Chief Cathie Wallace told Fox News that the university elected not to offer the drug because it is "abortion ... not contraception." The Food and Drug Administration's Sept. 28 approval of the drug called for it to be given to patients only by specialists in gynecology and obstetrics. These doctors can accurately determine the pregnancy's duration and are able to diagnose a tubal pregnancy, which can not be terminated with RU-486. The biggest catch, though, is that doctors must be able to perform a surgical abortion or have staff on hand to do so if necessary.

Another obstacle keeping the drug off campuses is that its implementation is what one physician calls "90 percent counseling." Paul Blumenthal, active in Planned Parenthood of Maryland and a Johns Hopkins University professor, told the Wall Street Journal that RU-486 is unlike other prescription drugs because its use isn't as straightforward. Women who take RU-486 are actually taking two drugs: three pills of mifepristone and two tablets of misoprostol two days later. Patients must come back to their doctor two weeks later to make sure the abortion was successful.

Unless the FDA's stringent controls on RU-486 are lifted or revised, most universities will be unable to offer the option of making the act of terminating a pregnancy as private as the act of starting one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni speak about Bearcats' playoff loss

Dear Editor,

This letter is not meant to annoy or hurt anyone, just a reminder why we love our Bearcats.

Players: We love you all. Do not think that because you did not give us another championship we are in any way disappointed or mad. You worked so hard to make us happy for such a long time for it to go unappreciated. The frustration that was present in the actions of the players, coaches and fans during Saturday's game was obvious. I know so many people that will never forget the important games throughout the last few months, and especially those that went to Alabama to support you in your championships. No one can ever take those memories away from you, and you should be proud.

Fans: I am tired of coming to work on Monday morning and not being able to talk because I am one of the few cheering. Our group, "the Real Rickenbrode Rowdies" are the ones that start chants, make noise, bring bells, and are who the players look up in the stands at when they want to hear some noise. Just a little note, when we have the ball and it is 3rd down, be quiet. When it is 3rd down for the other team, make noise, especially if they are calling audibles. I think if it was not for the fans in Alabama, and letting the players know we support them, they might not have those championships which we are so proud of; but at least the players know, and have thanked us. To those in the stands that turn around and give dirty looks because we are being loud, if you want to be quiet, go to the library. If you want to shhhhhh someone, go to a movie. Come to the game preparing to be loud and support of your team.

Cheerleaders: Why are you on the side with the alumni? During Saturday's game, the only things we could hear were the Bison cheerleaders who were keeping their fans in the game. Next year, think about keeping some on the students side since they are the ones who you see on a daily basis and who are the "Loud, Proud Rowdy Ass Crowd," or at least that is what their shirts say.

Alumni: We cannot hear you. As a recent alum, I will not sit on your side because I refuse to be quieted by old snobs who come to games because they are on the bandwagon of the Bearcats success.

Media: We need television coverage. The fans that are unable to go to every game or at least away games still support their 'Cats and want a way to see as well as hear them. It was awesome to see them on MetroSports in Kansas City, Mo, rebroadcasting the Central Missouri State University game. If North Dakota can broadcast across several states, why can't we? They have gone to both North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota games that have been at Rickenbrode. Fans, as well as the players need this support.

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Chamber sponsors Wonderland

By NAOMEY WILFORD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Surrounded by 3-foot candy canes and Christmas carol songbooks, Franklin Park has been transformed into Winter Wonderland.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce, with help from the Restorative Justice Program at the Maryville Treatment Center, Maryville residents and Tau Phi Upsilon members, decorated the park in Nov.

"It took three full days to decorate the park," said Jerry Lutz, Winter Wonderland committee chairman and member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "I personally want to thank everyone who has helped out, putting up the decorations and putting in the time and effort."

Lutz said Winter Wonderland is paid for through the general fund of the Chamber but donations are accepted to help with the cost of buying new decorations and restoring old ones.

Santa's Winter Wonderland house was remodeled and has a new tree this year, Lutz said.

Children can visit Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas in exchange for a candy cane.



Winter Wonderland at Franklin Park is brought to life annually by the Chamber of Commerce and Tau Phi Upsilon. Children can visit Santa Claus Friday and Saturday evenings through Dec. 16. Carriage and sleigh rides are also available.

Santa's house is open Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until Dec. 16.

Ken White, vice president of communication and marketing, said he took his three daughters to watch Santa ride into the park on a fire truck Friday during the opening of Winter Wonderland. White said he also took his children to the Winter Wonderland Saturday so they had an opportunity to meet Santa.

"They thought it was the coolest

thing they'd ever seen," White said.

White said meeting Santa at Winter Wonderland was so much nicer than going to a mall or a department store, because it was a relaxed, comfortable environment.

Other aspects of Winter Wonderland are carriage and sleigh rides. Duncan Carriages from Savannah will provide free carriage rides Dec. 2 from 3-6 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Sleigh rides will be offered Dec. 15 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 16 from 3-6 p.m.

Colleen Hastings, executive director for the Maryville Chamber of Commerce said the rides will start at Third and Main streets, going downtown and then returning.

Franklin Park, located at Seventh and N. Main streets, has become Winter Wonderland every year since the early '80s, and Hastings estimated that there will be more than 350 children who stop by to see Santa this season.

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Highway 71 expansion to increase safety, traffic flow

By DEBBIE BACON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Motorists using Missouri Highway 71 will soon experience lighter traffic and higher speed limits with the opening of a four-lane stretch of highway Monday.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. across from North Andrew High School and Route 48.

Resident engineer Larry Jacobson said the final preparations for the opening of the highway are being made. The striping of the lanes was completed Tuesday and the final signs were put into place Wednesday. He said the finishing touch to the highway will be raised highway markers, which will be in place by Monday.

Jacobson said following the ceremony, intersections will be closely watched to ensure motorists go the right way. He said he is thinking positively about the opening of the four-lane stretch of highway.

"I think it's going to make the road a lot safer as far as the speed limit and passing goes," Jacobson said.

The speed limit on the new stretch of highway will be 65 mph, while the speed limit on the rest of Missouri Highway 71 will not be affected. Jacobson thinks this will improve travel time as well.

He is not alone in his support of the new four-lane stretch opening.

"I think it's wonderful," Sharon Lisenbee, a cashier at the Midway Shop 'N Hop said. "It should have been done a long time ago."

Lisenbee thinks the new highway will improve safety because it will allow people relief from drivers following too closely or slower drivers.

Bob Alford, who is from Barnard, also thinks the opening of the highway will improve safety.

"I think it will be nice," Alford said. "I will be glad when they stop following me on my back bumper. Maybe it will help."

Jacobson said expanding Missouri Highway 71 from Route 48 to Business 71 in Maryville will continue as planned.

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Council considers method to accommodate absences

By LAURA PEARL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville City Council took a step in the direction of technology Monday night.

The Council approved a resolution to establish a policy that will allow electronic means to be used to conduct public city meetings.

City Manager David Angerer said the resolution will allow an absent council member to participate in City Council meetings through the use of a speakerphone.

"The Council and the audience will be able to hear the absent member," Angerer said. "The public will simply notice an empty chair and a speakerphone."

Angerer said this new alternative might be necessary in emergency situations where a Council vote is needed quickly, but he did not think electronic communication was a substitute for human-to-human contact.

"I still feel that in-person is the best way to conduct business," Angerer said. "My guess is this will

be a very infrequent kind of thing.

Councilman Ron Moss first brought the idea to Council members, Angerer said. Moss realized that some of the Council members are not always able to attend meetings.

Since state law permits voting through electronic devices, Moss believed the city would be better served if they had the opportunity to implement an electronic system of communication.

In other business, the Council accepted a recommendation to change the Mazingo Lake Golf Course fee structure.

Angerer and Mazingo Golf Pro Rick Schulz discussed the current fee structure and emphasized the need to stay competitive without overcharging customers.

Angerer said there were two main purposes in looking at the fee structure on a yearly basis. He said the Council tries to make sure they can accomplish their goals with the existing fee structure.

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Tax levy added to ballot

By NAOMEY WILFORD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Board of Education unanimously voted to put a tax levy increase on the ballot for Feb. 6.

The special election was determined at a board meeting Nov. 22. Members of the Board, Maryville residents and school administrators were in attendance, as well as a representative from the Community Teachers Association.

School Superintendent Gary Bell said a similar levy issue was on the ballot in April but was defeated because the Board was unable to approve the raises that were needed.

"We are not able to increase the base without increased support from the public," Bell said.

If passed, the tax levy would increase both faculty and staff salaries. The current base salary for teachers is \$20,700 and would increase to \$23,000 with the levy, which would be 35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, Bell said.

With the proposal on the ballot for February, Bell said there will be some public forums and mailings in January.

The levy must pass by majority vote of those registered in the district. If passed, it will be effective for the 2001-'02 school year.

At a meeting Nov. 15, 95 percent of the teachers present supported the levy. However, Pat Kinman, chairwoman of the CTA Welfare Committee and Title 1 Math teacher at Eugene Field Elementary School, said a few teachers abstained support because they wanted more time to review the material.

"There was an overwhelming consensus to support the levy," Kinman said. "We need the levy to pass. There was no doubt it would have to be done. The school board voted that the time is now. We need to attract the teachers and to keep the teachers we have."

By raising salaries, Kinman said the Maryville School District will be competitive enough to get the teachers it needs.

"If you look at the salaries, ours isn't nearly as competitive in comparison to those in schools around us," Kinman said. "We've been No. 1 and we need to be able to get back in and compete to remain No. 1."

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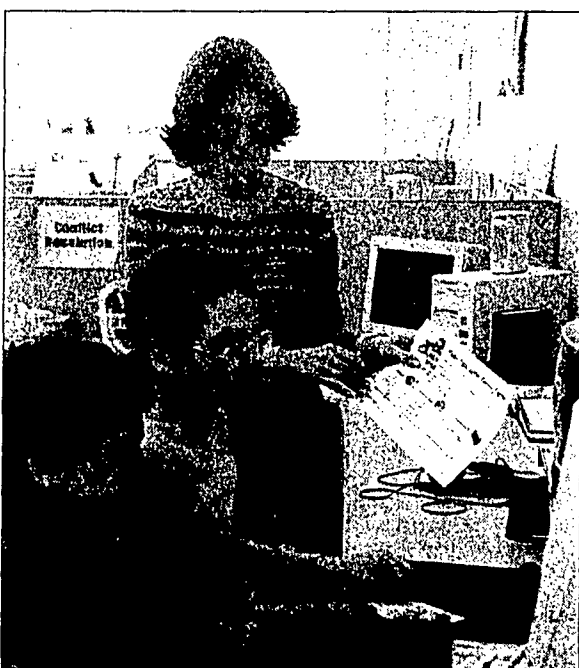


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Sydney Brisban and Adam Palmer, eighth graders at Maryville Middle School, work on a power point presentation for Teen Talk 2000 under the guidance of Family and Consumer Science teacher Diana Johnson.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Nov. 18
While on patrol on North Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the speed limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of North Main. The driver was identified as Ryan J. Peter, 20, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit.

While on patrol on North Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling south with out headlights. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Brian C. Smedley, 19, Lee's Summit. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of another's ID, minor in possession, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to display lighted head lamps.

Officers received a report from a Maryville business in the 1100 block of South Main of a man passed out in his car in the driveway. Upon arrival, the driver was identified as Mark W. Ragar, 21, Palmyra. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for driving while suspended.

Nov. 19
Jerry W. Ford, 28, Maryville, was backing from a private drive. Joseph M. Ackman, 32, Maryville, was also backing from a private drive. Both vehicles struck each other.

While on patrol in the 100 block of East South Hills Dr., an officer observed a vehicle traveling with-

out headlights. The vehicle was stopped in the 1600 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Paul S. Thompson, 30, Maryville. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to display lighted head lamps.

While on patrol in the 900 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle moving right to left in its lane then cross the center line. The vehicle was stopped in the 1500 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Fredrick J. Dozier, 19, Oregon. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving, minor in possession, and open container.

Nov. 20
An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Jeanette R. Freeman, 51, Topeka, Kan., for failure to appear. She is being held at Nodaway County jail in lieu of bond.

An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1700 block of South Main that someone had broken into a pop machine in front of their store.

Fire units responded to a vehicle fire in the 200 block of West 12th. Upon arrival, the fire was extinguished. The origin of the fire is believed to be in the engine compartment.

Margaret L. Kunkel, 35, Maryville, was traveling east on East Third, crossing Main Street. John R. Sanders, 19, Maryville, was traveling south on North Main. Kunkel's vehicle struck Sander's vehicle. Sanders was issued a ticket for failure to stop at an electric signal.

Nov. 22
Matthew J. VanCleave, 18, Maryville, had his turn signal on prior to the intersection, changing lanes. Jason R. Elliott, 29, Stanberry, was traveling west on Highway 136 attempting to turn left. Elliott's ve-

hicle struck VanCleave's vehicle. Elliott was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way at a stoplight.

Roger D. Brown, 37, Tarkio, was parked in a private lot in the 100 block of West Seventh, when it rolled down the hill and across the street, striking the front porch of the residence. Brown was issued a citation for failure to secure a parked vehicle.

Officers received a report of a shoplifter from a Maryville business in the 1100 block of South Main. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Linda L. Kerns, 44, Liberty, she was issued a summons for larceny and open container.

Nov. 23
While on patrol at the intersection of Third and Market, and officer observed a vehicle with no front license plate and a truck plate on the back. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of East Forth. The driver was identified as William E. Robertson, 30, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for failure to display valid plates and driving while suspended.

Nov. 24
An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Johnathan R. Terry, 26, Shenandoah, Iowa, for failure to appear. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

An officer received report of property damage in the 1500 block of South Munn.

An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had broken out a window at her residence in the 1200 block of East Second.

Officers received a report of a loud party in the 500 block of East Seventh Street. Upon arrival, Amber N. Strating, 18, Maryville was issued a summons for minor in possession.

While on patrol in the 300 block of North Market, an officer observed a male individual identified as Benjamin A. Barsch, 20, Savannah, use profanity in public. He was issued a summons for profanity in public.

Nov. 26
An officer received a report from a business in the 300 block of North Main of a person under age. Natasha S. Eckard, 18, Columbia, was issued a summons for under 19 in a bar.

While on patrol in the 300 block of North Market, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Main. The driver was identified as Daniel S. Wray, 24, Pickering. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated, after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for defective equipment.

An officer was assisting another officer in the 300 block of North Market. Adam C. Emery, was issued summons for disorderly conduct, failure to comply, and profanity in public.

An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her house in the 200 block of West Second had been broken into.

SHERIFF REPORT

Nov. 10
Steven E. Hayes, 42, Burlington Jct., was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released on a summons after being held the mandatory detox time.

Nov. 12
Michael D. Wellington, 43, Maitland, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for non support.

Nov. 13
A Stanberry subject reported a theft from his farm.

Nov. 14
William R. Grace, 48, Burlington Jct., was arrested on a probation warrant.

Nov. 15
Francis W. Hargis, 31, Shawnee, Kan., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Nov. 18
Michelle R. Armstrong, 31, Longview, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation/stealing.

A Burlington Jct. subject reported a theft from their business.

Nov. 20
Stephen E. Mitchell, 53, Ozark, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for felony non support.

BIRTHS

Jaysie Laine Dougan

Randy and Brenda Dougan, Ravenwood, are the parents of Jaysie Laine Dougan, born Nov. 24, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Taylor and Shayna Dougan.

Her maternal grandparents are J.W. and Clara Harding from Grant City.

Destiny Hope Dawson

Terry Dawson and Jessica Lewis are the parents of Destiny Hope Dawson, born Nov. 14th at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister Morgan Bailey.

Her maternal grandparents are Ava and David Lewis, Bolckow.

Mackenzie Marie Spire

Ryan and Kara Spire, Maryville, are the parents of Mackenzie Marie Spire, born Nov. 15, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are Richard and Loes Rodrick, Ravenwood and the late Judy Rodrick.

Bethany Kay Robinson

Steven and Lori Robinson, Maryville, are the parents of Bethany Kay Robinson, born Nov. 23, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Morris and Karen Lovell, Wymore, Neb.

DEATHS

Lora Martha Turner Fisher

Lora Martha Turner Fisher, 38, Sheridan, died Nov. 17, in Nodaway County.

She was born Oct. 12, 1962, to Wm. A. "Rube" and Ruby Turner, in Maryville.

She is survived by her husband, Kelly; two sons, Cole and Will; one daughter, Brit; her parents, Rube and Ruby Turner; one sister, Gail Henggeler; three brothers, Stephen, John and James.

Services were held on Nov. 20th at the Christian Church and burial followed at the Hopkins cemetery.

Homer Medsker

Homer Medsker, 82, Graham, died Nov. 19, at the Heartland Regional Medical Center, in St. Joseph.

He was born June 16th, 1918, to William and Myrtle Medsker, in Graham.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; one daughter, Beverly Burmeister; two sons, Bill and Max; five grandchildren, Robbie, Doug, Ryan, Ross and Seth Burmeister; four sisters, Roberta Logan, Evonne Holmes, Barbara Sloan, and Gail Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Nov. 21, at the Union Church and burial followed at the Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

Fred Francis Auffert

Fred Francis Auffert, 73, Maryville, died Nov. 20, at St. Francis Hospital.

He was born May 16, 1927, to Fred and Mary Auffert in Maryville.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; one son, Larry; two daughters, Donna Wray and Judy Pride; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard; three sisters, Marie Gallagher, Evelyn Peterson, and Kay Taylor.

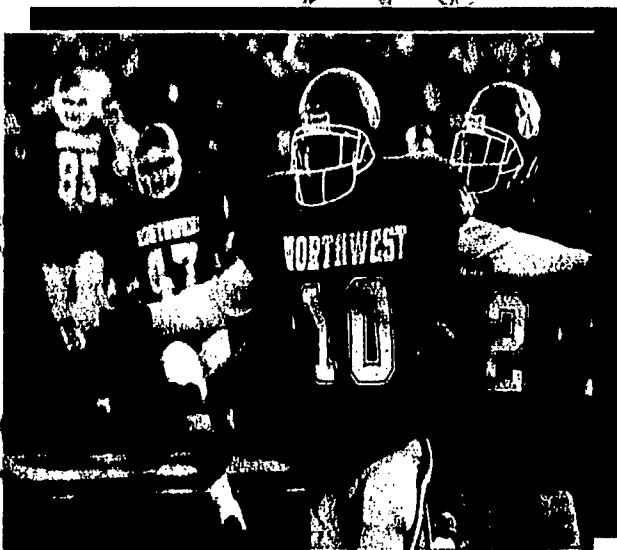
Services were held Nov. 22, at St. Gregory's Catholic Church with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Maryville.

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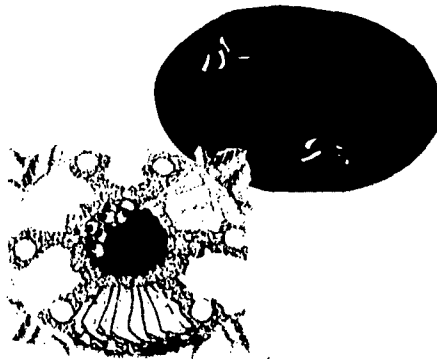
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Need, interest calls for history minor

By DEREK MCDERMOTT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The History, Humanities and Philosophy department of Northwest is offering a new minor in Public History which will deal with hands on work within history. Department chair Thomas Carneal said the minor has been a long time in the coming.

"Over my years here at Northwest and at conferences around the nation I have noticed the growing trends toward such a minor," Carneal said. "With the growth of local museums, there is a definite interest in this field in the Northwest area."

The Public History minor deals with working and managing museums along with other historical sight preservation and cataloging. The minor will give students an opportunity to branch out into more hands-on work in a field that has generally been teaching-oriented.

"Many students have had concerns over the years about only being able to teach with a history major," Carneal said. "I believe this will give them a chance to break out from that mold."

The minor also addresses a considerable need in Northwest Missouri for workers trained in this sort of hands on work.

"A couple of years ago we did a survey in a 200-mile radius of Northwest that showed 80 percent of the museums and historical sites in the area were either employing or looking to employ people with this training," Carneal said. "I believe this shows a great opportunity for employment for graduating students with this minor."

The classes for this minor will largely deal with history stemming from the Civil War and Indian wars. Most of the classes needed for the minor are already being taught at Northwest.

"We only had to add one class, Public History Principles, with the rest of the classes already available here at Northwest," Carneal said. "Along with these classes we have great availability of internships here on campus in the archives and in surrounding museums for students with this minor."

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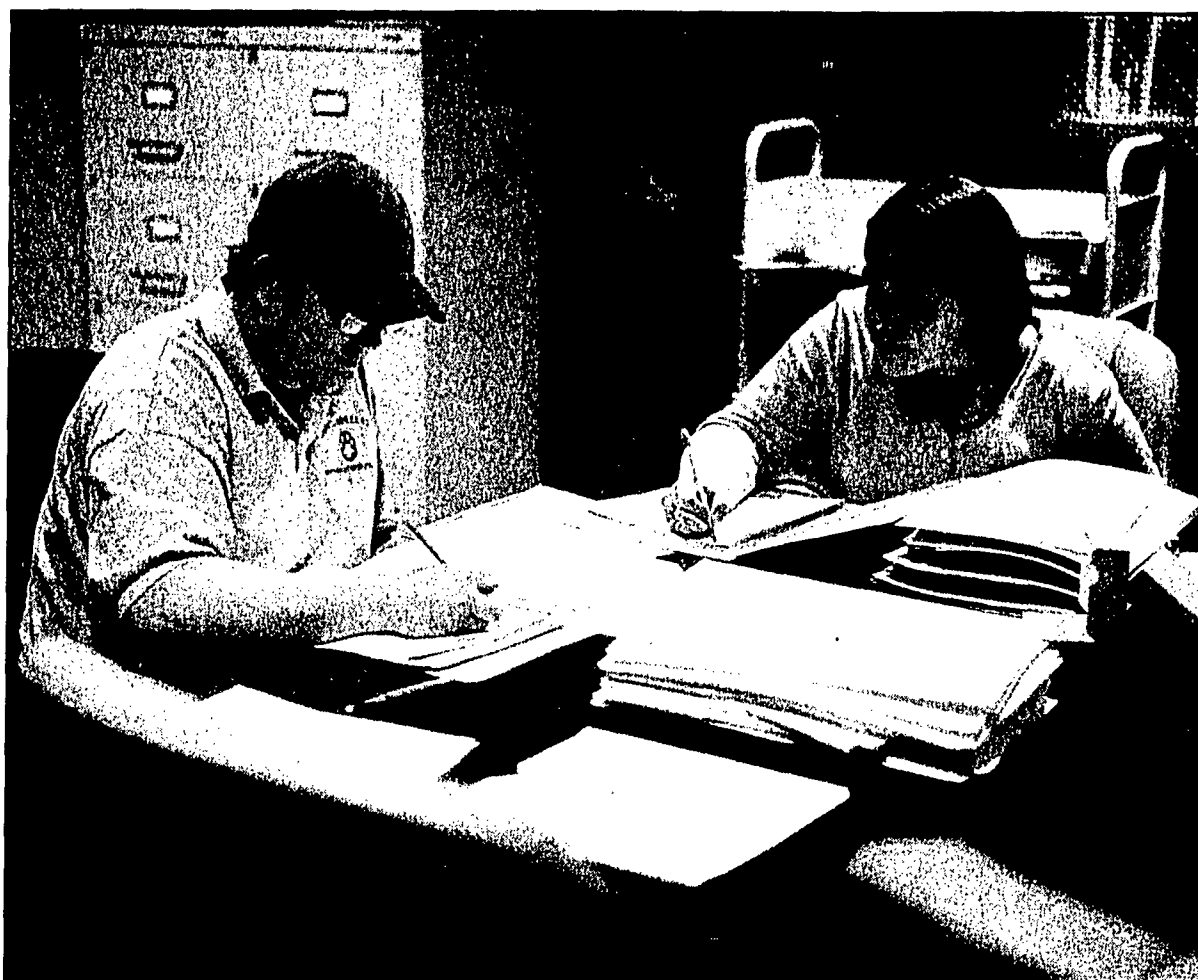


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In preparation for the new public history minor, Ginny Meek, organizes files. The new minor, which is being offered by the history, humanities and philosophy department, features classes that will deal with the Civil War and Indian wars.

Sigma Kappa to raise funds for Alzheimer's

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Sigma Kappa sorority is helping the battle against Alzheimer's by sponsoring events to raise money for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

An estimated four million people in the U.S. have Alzheimer's, and it is the currently the nation's fourth-leading cause of adult death. The disease attacks the memory, thinking, and behavior.

Sigma Kappa helps to raise money in order to benefit people locally with this disease.

The sorority participated and helped promote a local Memory Walk where students and members of the community walked in order to raise money for the association. The money goes to a local Alzheimer's Association chapter and will help families right in the community.

They also sponsored a soccer tournament Oct. 8, that different Greek organizations participated in.

The Northwest women's soccer team volunteered to be officials for the games. All of the proceeds went to the association as well.

The sorority is also having a annual fundraiser by selling lollipops as part of the "Lollipop Campaign." The money goes to the foundation and will go to research. Members of the sorority will be selling the lollipops throughout December and January. Contact Foundation Director Abbey Stone for details.

The Sigma Kappa sorority has supported the association since 1984. Just recently, the sorority and the Alzheimer's Association developed a new partnership. The Sigma Kappa Foundation and the association will work together in order to raise money for the disease.

The new partnership opens new opportunities for Sigma Kappa members to work with the Alzheimer's Association to help plan Memory Walks, serve on local chapter boards, and take on other volunteer roles in the community.

The national Sigma Kappa Foundation has donated nearly half a million dollars in support of Alzheimer's and gerontology-related research.

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PHOTO BY KRISTEN LUNGREN/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
"Language of Love" is one of the many dances to be performed Friday night during "Dance Revolution." The dance show is being put on by the Northwest Dance Company and will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Dance company plays host to show

By LEAH AULT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Costumes, lights and dancers will be showcased Friday when the Northwest Dance Company presents its second annual dance show, "Dance Revolution."

"Dance Revolution" will be showing at Mary Linn at 7:30 p.m., and tickets will cost \$4.

The show consists of all types of dancing from jazz to lyrical to hip hop and about 55 student dancers are performing. The Revolution Dancers had to audition for a spot in the show and each dancer is in two dances.

"The show is like a roller coaster," dance teacher Haley Hoss said. "I tried to plain it so there would be ups and downs and it

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DANCE TEACHER

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The dancers have been rehearsing for two to four hours a week, and many of the dancers enjoy watching other dances as well as dancing in the show.

"I really enjoy watching the mis-

sion impossible dance," said dancer Emily Cardwell said. "I'm in a dance called 'Brick House' and I also really enjoy dancing in that."

Some of the dancers have been dancing for a long time but others have not. Cardwell has been dancing for about 10 to 15 years and is now a member of the Bearcat Steppers at Northwest.

The Northwest Dance Company is an organization, but Hoss is trying to get the dance team to become a minor in years to come.

The company produces one show in the fall and one in the spring, while auditions are at the beginning of each trimester.

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Oklahoma State man pleads no-contest in MP3 case, court accepts

By MORAN OGILVIE
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(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. - A 19-year-old Oklahoma State University student pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of illegally distributing copyrighted material Nov. 22 at the Payne County Court House.

The court accepted a plea of no contest from Scott Wickberg, graphics design freshman, and found him guilty of "unlawful advertisement or offer to distribute sound recordings" after no prior felony convictions.

According to OSU police reports, Wickberg had been operating a file-sharing Web site that allowed others to log onto it with a password and download any of the 10,200 MP3 songs or other copyrighted material in his collection.

According to court records, Wickberg will be on a two year unsupervised and deferred probation and will pay the maximum allowable contribution of \$5,000 to the court fund in lieu of fine and court costs.

Wickberg, according to court records, "Did willfully and unlawfully advertise or offer to distribute certain sound recordings for distribution or circulation which did not clearly and conspicuously display

thereon in clearly readable print the actual true name of the manufacturer thereof."

After receiving a tip from the Recording Industry Association of America officials in September, OSU police obtained a search warrant from a Payne County judge and arrived at Wickberg's William Residence Hall room and seized his computer and equipment to be investigated.

Wickberg had been operating the Web site on his personal computer through the OSU Internet service provider — making OSU responsible under law to take action.

According to court records, Wickberg pleaded Sept. 5 that he "had an MP3 file of Pink Floyd on (his) computer available for distribution without a manufacturer's name on the sound recordings."

The district attorney's office said Wickberg was specifically accused of storing the following sound recordings in MP3 files on his personal computer in violation of Section 1979 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes: "Speak to Me," "Breathe in the Air," "On the Run," "Time," "Great Gig in the Sky" and "Money," as recorded by the band Pink Floyd on their album "Dark Side of the Moon."

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University men's basketball

No. 19 Bearcats ready for battle

By KEN GARNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's basketball team looks to continue its fast start this weekend when they play in the St. Mary's Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said it is the first true away game the team will play.

The Bearcats begin the tournament by playing Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2-2, at 5 p.m. Friday.

"Kingsville looks like the real deal," he said. "They will be a handful."

The Bearcats will take on the host team, the St. Mary Rattlers, 3-1, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"This will be our first chance to try and take one away on somebody's home floor," he said.

The keys to winning this weekend are to cause turnovers and execute the offense, Tappmeyer said.

"We have to take care of the basketball and knock down some shots," he said. "Getting a solid effort from each player and shoring up the defense as well."

Junior center Matt Rowan said it is important for the team to get this road trip off to a good start by winning both games this weekend.

"We need to have the mind set to play hard on the road," he said. The Bearcats, 5-0 and currently ranked No. 19 in the nation, do not play another home game until an exhibition match against the Dreambuilders on Dec. 31.

Much of the team's early success is due to the team's defensive intensity and causing turnovers, Tappmeyer

said.

The Bearcats have a +12.8 turnover margin while opponents are committing more than 25 turnovers per game. This is more than two times the amount Northwest is committing.

Even when the team is not executing offensively the defense gets the offense going, Tappmeyer said.

"Turnovers are a big part of our offense," he said. "We like to get one-third of our offense from transition baskets."

Rowan said that the defense often picks up the offense.

"The defense is the spark plug for the offense," he said. "It gets us going."

Senior forward Floyd Farrow said another part of the team's success so far is its confidence.

"We're very confident right now," he said. "When we execute the game

plan it makes us a better team and more confident."

However, even with the 'Cats being in the Top 25 there are some drawbacks to be a nationally-ranked team this early in the season, Tappmeyer said.

"This puts a bulls eye on our backs," he said. "Let's not make too much of it yet until January and February."

Northwest overcame a slow start to defeat Baker University Tuesday night 77-62 at Bearcat Arena.

Rowan, a transfer from the University of Missouri, had his best performance as Bearcat. He led the team with a game-high 19 points and nine rebounds.

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NCAA Division II men's Top 25

1. Florida Southern (2-0)
2. Kentucky Wesleyan (2-0)
3. Southern Indiana (2-0)
4. Northern Kentucky (6-0)
5. Washburn (2-1)
6. Metropolitan State (Col) (2-1)
7. Missouri Southern (2-1)
8. Adelphi (NY) (2-0)
9. South Dakota (4-0)
10. Wingate (NC) (2-0)
11. Tampa (5-0)
12. West Chester (Pa) (2-0)
13. Salem International (2-1)
14. Pfeiffer (2-0)
15. Cal State-San Bernardino (3-0)
16. American International (Ma) (2-0)
17. North Alabama (5-0)
18. Seattle Pacific (2-1)
19. Northwest (4-0)
20. Cal State-Los Angeles (1-1)
21. Regis (Co) (4-0)
22. Gannon (Pa) (3-1)
23. Henderson State (Ark) (2-1)
24. Bowie State (NC) (3-0)
25. California-Davis (1-0)



PHOTO BY MIKAYLA CHAMBERS/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Northwest men's basketball team defeated Baker University Tuesday night at their 7 p.m. game at Bearcat Arena. The final score was 77-62. The Bearcats will be playing Texas A&M Kingsville Friday night and Saint Mary's on Saturday in the Saint Mary's Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

Maryville girl's basketball

First game set against Lafayette Fighting Irish after cancellation

By BRENT C. WAGNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 2000-2001 Maryville girls' basketball team will hit the hardwood for the first time traveling to Lafayette for a conference clash at 7 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph.

The Spoofhounds debut is a week past due as they were set to tangle with Excelsior Springs last week, but the schools were unable to reach an agreement and sign a contract.

"It's past time for a game," head coach Randy Cook said. "It's been tough keeping the girls motivated. We've been scrimmaging good lately, but we need to play somebody besides ourselves."

Cook expects a solid opponent in Lafayette.

"I expect a team about the same as last year," Cook said. "They will be strong in the paint as they go 6'1 and 6'2. Those are their two best players, they can handle the ball well and will also drop out and shoot the 15-footer."

The 'Hounds downed Lafayette in a pair of contests last season. In the second meeting in Midland Empire Conference Tournament action, the 'Hounds marched into Lafayette and left victorious in a seven-point overtime victory. Cook said this year's road trip to Lafayette should be a great first game.

"We're going to have to pressure the ball defensively," Cook said. "They're a good team and we expect another close game."

The team is looking forward to the season and to getting the first game under their belts.

"Our goals are to improve on last year and play to our potential every game," junior Hailey Lawyer said. "It was definitely a bummer missing that first game, but Lafayette is a conference school and a big game, and we hope to go out and play well."

The squad will return to the friendly confines of Maryville High School at 8 p.m. Friday to take on St. Pius. "Traditionally St. Pius is pretty strong," Cook said. "They have a lot of good all-around talent with strong fundamental players."

Cook said he also expects St. Pius to be strong defensively, and the 'Hounds will have to be ready to break the press and avoid traps.

"They'll do anything to win and we'll have to be ready for a great game," Cook said.

Lawyer, a three-year starting guard is looking forward to returning to the home hardwood Friday.

"We've never played St. Pius before so we're looking forward to the challenge and to playing in front of the home crowd," Lawyer said.

The 'Hounds will stay in Maryville next Thursday when they play host to LeBlond.

"We're just ready to start playing some games," Cook said. "We're looking forward to a great season."

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University women's basketball

Improvement continues for cagers

By TIM DURBIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With Thanksgiving break behind it, the only important thing for the Northwest women's basketball team is the competition on the hardwood.

The Bearcats, 2-1, will play their fourth game of the season against NAIA foe Benedictine College at 7 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.

"Benedictine is off to a slow start," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "They've had some injuries to key players so we may have to throw what we know about them out the window."

The Bearcats picked up their second win of the year against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Tuesday night, 84-80. The 'Cats trailed most of the game before going on a 9-0 run, tying the game at 71 with seven minutes left.

With a little more than three minutes left, the 'Cats took the lead for good and held on for the victory.

The 'Cats opened their season by splitting at the Ryland Milner Classic, losing to Southwest State University 77-67 and beating the University of Concordia St. Paul, 70-57.

In the season opener, the Bearcats snapped a 19-game losing streak against Concordia St. Paul.

The first half the 'Cats started off strong, taking a 21-point lead into half time.

The Bearcats led 50-21 with six minutes left in the game, before Concordia cut the lead to 10. The Bearcats did not back down as they finished the game, winning by 13.

Against Southwest State the Bearcats played catch up for most of the first half. Their first lead of the game was with 1:19 left in the half before Southwest State recaptured the



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
As junior forward Amy Coy drives toward the basket, she is surrounded by Southwest State defenders. Coy finished with a team high 17 points, but the Bearcats fell in the contest 77-67. Next up for the 'Cats is Benedictine College at 7 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

lead going into halftime with a 37-33 advantage.

"Our defense was better than I thought it was going to be," Steinmeyer said. "Our offense was far worse than I thought."

One offensive bright spot was provided by junior Amy Coy. She made all five of her shots, scoring 15 of her career-high 17 points in the first half.

In the second half the Bearcats played catchup again, trailing by as much as 14 points. The 'Cats would not give up as they cut the lead 72-65 with two minutes left in the game. Southwest State proved to be the better team that day as they held off a late surge by the Bearcats for the win.

Junior Amanda Winter had 11 points to go with her five assists and five rebounds. Junior guards Dena McMullen and Jerica Miller contributed as well grabbing five rebounds each.

"We still have more questions than answers after the first week of the season," Steinmeyer said.

Winter made the 2000 Ryland Milner All-Classic team.

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NCAA Division II preseason women's Top 25

1. Northern Kentucky
2. North Dakota State
3. Delta State
4. St. Rose
5. North Dakota
6. Emporia State
7. Bentley
8. Columbus State
9. Rollins
10. Cal Poly Pomona
11. Western Washington
12. Michigan Tech
13. Northern Michigan
14. Kennesaw State
15. Nebraska-Kearney
16. Minnesota-Duluth
17. Arkansas Tech
18. Slippery Rock
19. Francis Marion
20. Presbyterian
21. West Texas A&M
22. Millersville
23. Texas A&M-Kingsville
24. Indiana (Pa.)
25. Missouri Western

Maryville boy's basketball

'Hounds season underway

By BILL KNUST
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With a 70-57 victory over Mt. Ayr Tuesday night, the Maryville boy's basketball team now gets ready to face Savannah.

The 'Hounds, who face the Savages at 8 p.m. Friday at Savannah, face a team they do not know much about this season.

"We haven't seen anything on them this year, so it will be interesting to see what they got," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

Senior post player Zach Morley echoed Kuwitzky and added, on the talent the Savages have every year.

"I am not sure what they have, but they will be good," Morley said. "They always are."

Morley said in order for the 'Hounds to be successful against Savannah they need to play a more complete game.

"We need to play two halves," Morley said. "We cannot come out and just get by two quarters."

Maryville dominated the first half against Mt. Ayr as the 'Hounds jumped out to a 41-19 lead on the Mt. Ayr Raiders.

The 'Hounds struck early with a 9-0 lead and never looked back. Setting the tone with offensive rebounds, senior Eric Goudge grabbed four in the first minute and a half of the game.

Maryville had a definite size advantage over the Raiders, who had no player taller than 6'2", compared to the 'Hounds four starters above 6'2".

With Goudge patrolling the boards, Morley took over on offense. He finished the game with 21 points, six rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots.

Kuwitzky said he likes the combination of Goudge on the boards and Morley scoring.

"Eric allows Zach to be more aggressive on offense, and it is nice because Zach does not have to sit underneath all the time," Kuwitzky said.

Goudge finished the game with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior guard Steve Morrison finished with 15 points, including the 'Hounds only three point basket. Senior guard Cody Burch started at point guard and paced the 'Hounds offense with seven points, three assists and four rebounds.

Kuwitzky and Morley said the 'Hounds played well for the first game. The team committed only 14 turnovers in the game with six

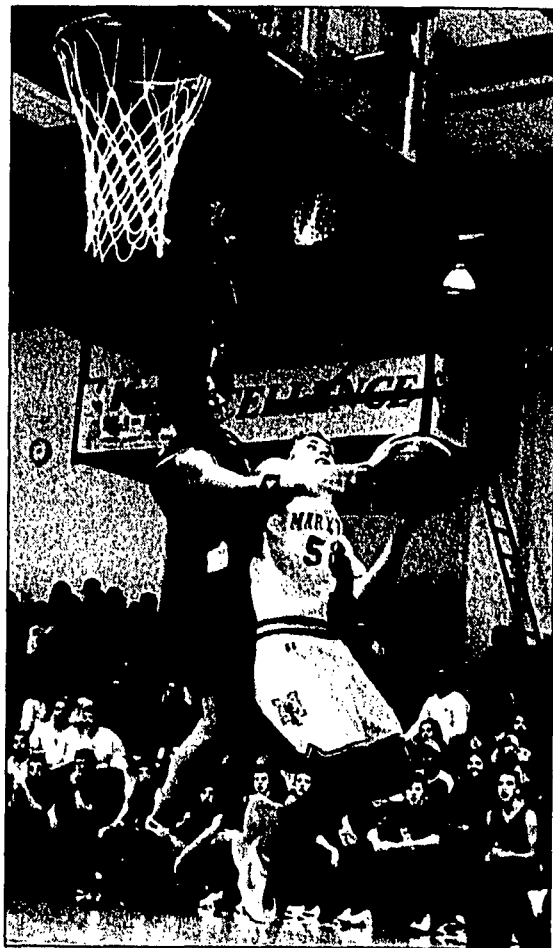


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Maryville senior center Eric Goudge attempts a two point shot during the Hounds first game of the season Tuesday against Mt. Ayr. The Hounds won 70-57. Maryville will play at 7 p.m. Friday at Savannah.

coming in the final three minutes of the game. The victory allowed Kuwitzky to empty the bench in the fourth quarter, giving players to get some varsity experience that could prove handy later in the year.

"It was good for everyone to get a chance to play (Tuesday)," Morley said. "You never know later in the season when we might run into foul trouble, and this will help the younger guys."

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END OF AN ERA

Bearcats knocked out of playoffs by North Dakota State

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

After holding supremacy over Division II football for the last two and a half years, reality sunk in for the Northwest football team as they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs Nov. 18.

The Bearcats, who finish the season 11-1 overall, ended an era when they were defeated by North Dakota State University 31-17 at Rickenbrode Stadium.

The Bison opened the scoring on a 47-yard field goal after recovering a fumble by senior wide receiver Tony Miles during the second punt of the game.

North Dakota State went up 10-0 when senior quarterback Ryan Johnson connected his first pass in the game to junior running back Lamar Gordon for a 39-yard touchdown.

The Bearcats responded, tying the game of the second quarter at 10, to go into halftime, but that would be the closest the game would be.

North Dakota State dominated the second half beginning on its first drive of the third quarter, going 73 yards on nine plays to build a 17-10 lead.

"In the second half we missed a lot of tackles and more important we just couldn't keep their running game contained," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "There wasn't any doubt who won the battle of the line of scrimmage in the second half, and that usually indicates who is going to win the ball game."

After holding the Bison to 41 yards in the first half, the 'Cats' defense weakened against the bigger and more physical offensive line, giving up 241 yards in the second half.

"We played a really good first half and shut down the option," said Aaron Becker, senior defensive tackle. "In the second half I think they got it going a little bit and I don't think we were there to make plays we made in the first half."

Despite the amount of yards the defense surrendered in the second half, the offense failed to keep the Bison running attack off the field going three-and-out on several timely possessions.

"Offensively we just didn't play well in the third quarter," said Dave Jansen, senior running back. "In the third quarter we took two three-and-outs while they took the entire third quarter, so I think offensively there was a lot on our backs and we didn't step up like we have."

With the loss the 'Cats will say good-bye to 21 seniors, and the burden of having to breakup a team that achieved 24 consecutive wins.

"It's definitely hard because we aren't used to losing, but it is a big shock for all of us," senior linebacker Brian Williams said. "I'm still thinking that I have to go to practice tomorrow at 5:30 (p.m.), but it's over with and I had a great career, and I love the fans that were with us. We shouldn't hold our heads down because we accomplished a lot."

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Silence fills the air at Rickenbrode Stadium as Jo Ann Nanninga gives her son, freshman linebacker Mike Nanninga a hug, and a disheartened fan shows his reaction after the Bearcats fell to North Dakota State University Saturday. Distraught fans, players and parents consoled each other after the Bison eliminated Northwest in the first round of the playoffs, ending the Bearcats' hopes of winning a third Division II national championship.

2000 Northwest football

Final Northwest overall team statistics

| | Northwest | Opponent |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Scoring | 537 | 182 |
| Points per game | 48 | 16 |
| First downs | 271 | 165 |
| Rushing | 145 | 76 |
| Passing | 110 | 70 |
| Penalty | 16 | 19 |
| Rushing yardage | 2,481 | 1,331 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2,725 | 1,665 |
| Yards lost rushing | 244 | 334 |
| Rushing attempts | 506 | 427 |
| Average per rush | 4 | 3 |
| Average per game | 225 | 121 |
| Touchdowns rushing | 40 | 10 |
| Passing yardage | 2,935 | 1,889 |
| Attempts | 289 | 302 |
| Completions | 175 | 142 |
| Interceptions | 7 | 20 |
| Average per pass | 10 | 6 |
| Average per catch | 16 | 13 |
| Average per game | 266 | 171 |
| Touchdowns passing | 26 | 14 |
| Total offense | 5416 | 3220 |
| Total plays | 795 | 729 |
| Average per play | 6 | 4 |
| Average per game | 492 | 292 |
| Attendance | 42,200 | 21,636 |
| Games/Average per game | 5/ 8,440 | 6/ 3,606 |

Team records

Largest margin of victory

Most points - game

Most points - season

Scoring Average

Most touchdowns - game

Most touchdowns - season

Most point after tries attempted

Most first downs rushing

Most total offense - season

Total offense average

Average per pass attempt

Completion percentage

Fewest fumbles

Fewest fumbles lost

Consecutive victories

Old record / new record

61 vs. Peru State (68-7, Sept. 22, 1973) / 63

vs. Missouri-Rolla (70-7, Nov. 4)

69 vs. Emporia State (1998) / 70 vs. Mis-

souri-Rolla

516, (1998) / 537

46.4, (1998) / 48.8

10 (twice), 10 (tied), vs. Missouri-Rolla

69 (1998) / 76

61 (1998) / 65

16 (twice), 16 (tied), vs. Missouri-Rolla

5,306 (1998) / 5,416

482.4 (1998) / 492.4

8.7 (1997) / 10.2

59.4 (1998) / 60.6

16, (1999) / 16 (tied)

8, (1999) / 6

21 (1938-'40) / 24 (1999-'00)

Individual records

Most PATs attempted

Completion Pct. - season

Receiving Yards - career

Touchdown receptions

Average punt return

Old record / new record

68, Dave Purnell (1998) / 72, Andy Timmerman

60.2, Chris Greisen (1998) / 62.5, Travis Miles

2,898, Steve Hansley (1983-85) / 3,079, Tony Miles

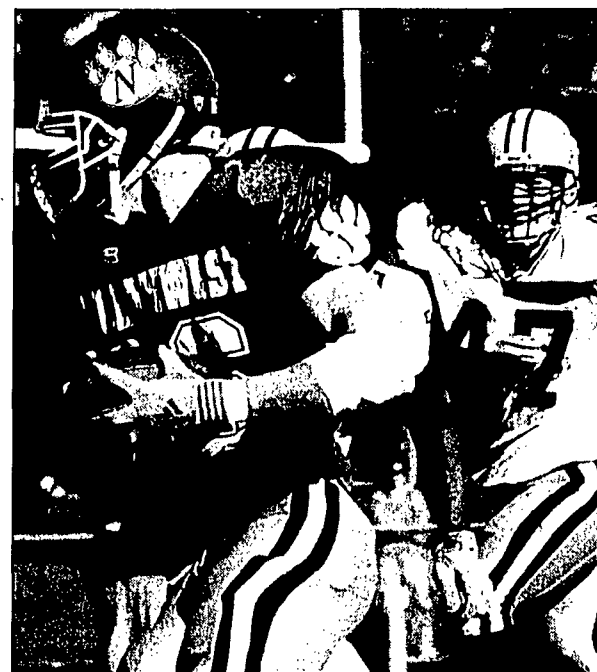
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career 25, Steve Hansley (1983-'85) / 30, Tony Miles

(1997-'00)

career 13.2, Joe Spinello (1965-'68) / 16.1, Tony Miles

(1997-'00)



Northwest junior running back Ryan Hackett dodges three members of the North Dakota State University defense during the Bearcats' 31-17 loss to the Bison on Nov. 18. North Dakota State University went on to beat the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday, 43-21. The Bison will travel to Delta State University Saturday for the semifinal game. The winner will advance to the championship game in Florence, Ala.

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Scott Fleming

Northwest sophomore guard

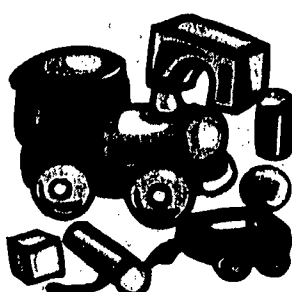
The leading scorer for the 'Cats, averaging 14 points a game, Fleming has helped Northwest to a quick 5-0 start on the year.

Maryville senior postman

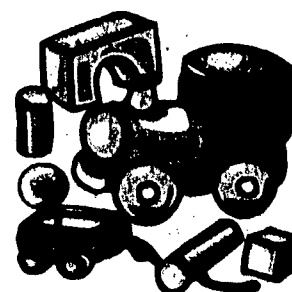
In the 'Hounds 70-57 season opening win against Mount Ayr, Morley led all scorers with 22 points. He also had six rebounds, two blocks.



Zach Morley



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'Cats find secret to success

By KEN GARNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Boasting a 5-0 record and a No. 19 national ranking, the Northwest men's basketball team is emphasizing a team concept rather than individual play.

The Bearcats have five players averaging double figures in scoring led by sophomore guard Scott Fleming at nearly 13 points per game.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the key to the 'Cats' explosive offense being spread so evenly among the players is the selfishness of each player.

"It shows up on both ends of the floor," he said.

"On any night, any guy can get the points for us to win, the points are distributed pretty equally."

MATT ROWAN
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The team has also improved its chemistry over recent weeks, Tappmeyer said.

"On offense we have been pretty good at figuring who should be on the floor together," he said.

The Northwest bench is outscoring the opposition's bench 31-13.

Junior center Matt Rowan leads the bench, scoring

over 10 points per game off the bench.

"With players seven through 13 on the depth chart there's not much difference," Tappmeyer said. "Each player can contribute and play well."

Senior forward Floyd Farrow said each player has confidence in each other.

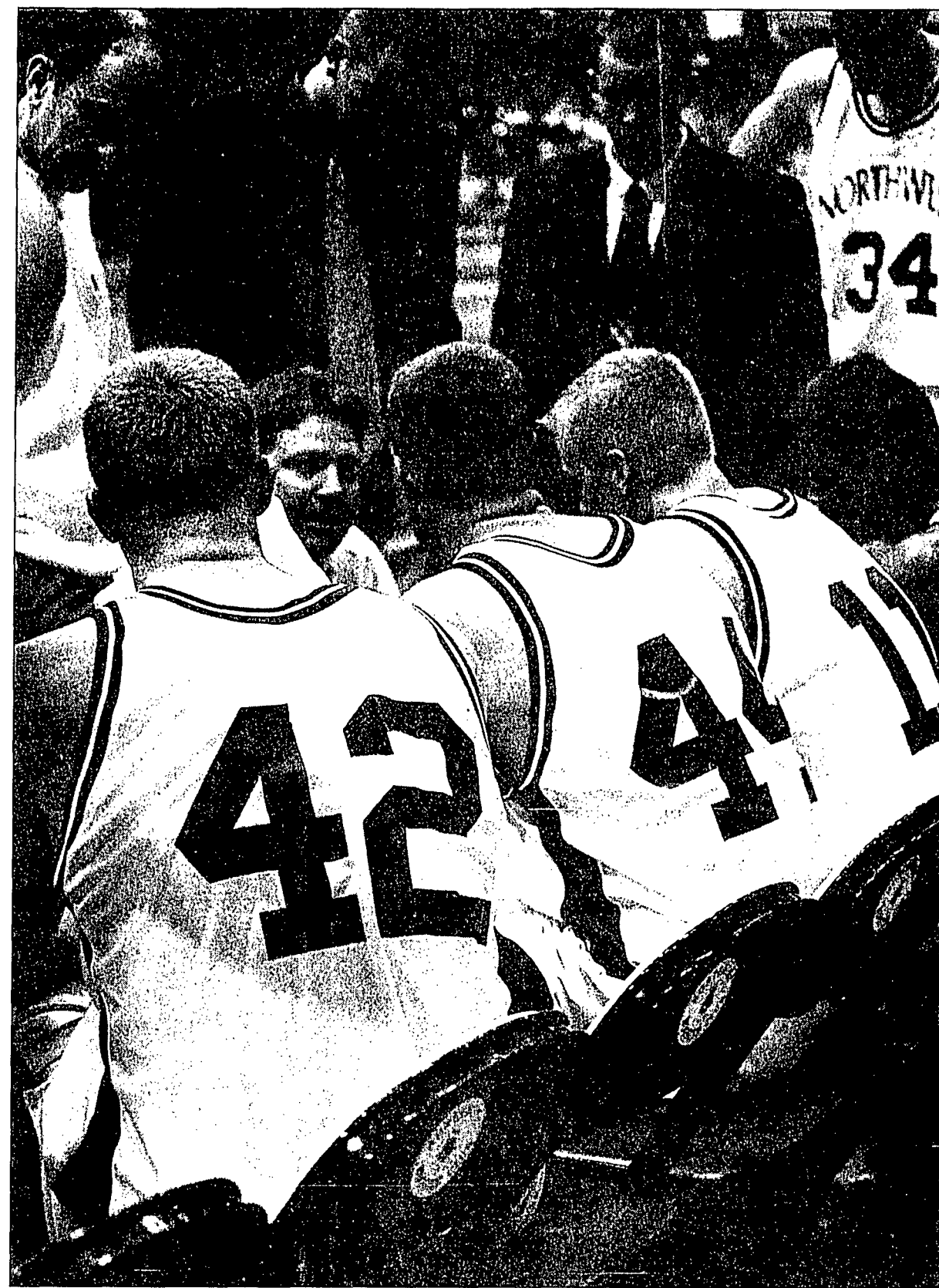
"Everyone is playing together as a team," he said. "We keep pushing each other to try and make ourselves better."

The Bearcats have not been tested or competed in a close game yet this season, Tappmeyer said.

It is something the 'Cats may see at St. Mary's this weekend.

"When we do we may miss the type of player Tyrone Brown was for us last year," he said.

Brown, who graduated in the spring of 2000, averaged over 18 points per game last year, but nobody has emerged as a go-to man, and the team has not needed one



Men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer goes over the game plan during Tuesday's night win over Baker University with junior center Matt Rowan, senior forward Joel Taylor and sophomore guard Scott Fleming listening closely. Rowan, Farrow and Fleming along with junior guard Jerry Hudson and senior forward Floyd Farrow have shared the scoring responsibilities to help the 'Cats start the season 5-0.

NORTHWEST LEADING SCORERS
SCOTT FLEMING — 13 POINTS PER GAME
FLOYD FARROW — 10 POINTS PER GAME
JERRY HUDSON — 10 POINTS PER GAME
MATT ROWAN — 10 POINTS PER GAME
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one dominating player." Rowan said each player has the ability to win games.

"On any night, any guy can get

the points for us to win," he said. "The points are distributed pretty equally."

Whatever the recipe the 'Cats are using thus far it has been a winning one for the No. 19-ranked team in the nation.

The 'Cats first opponent in the St. Mary's Classic will be against Texas A&M-Kingsville.

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Bearcat softball signs MacDonald to letter

Northwest head softball coach Pam Knox announced the signing of Shelly MacDonald to a national letter-of-intent.

MacDonald led Lawson High School to the Missouri Class 2A State Championship earlier this year. The pitcher compiled a 15-2 record with an earned run average of 0.36.

She recorded 208 strikeouts, surpassing the state high school record for strikeouts in a season, and she allowed only nine walks. MacDonald's batting average for the season was .436. MacDonald will be a freshman at Northwest next fall.

High schools honors Redd at Hall of Fame induction

Northwest Athletic Director Jim Redd was honored Nov. 23 by his high school alma mater. Redd was inducted into the Christian Brothers College High School Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

The induction ceremony was part of the 74th Annual Alumni Banquet, held at the St. Louis Chase-Park Plaza Hotel.

Criteria for induction into the CBC Hall of Fame includes having an outstanding high school career,

Parks and Recreation to offer basketball league

Maryville Parks and Recreation will be offering an adult basketball program this winter. They are offering a woman's recreational league and three men's leagues.

Registration will be conducted between Dec. 4 and Dec. 15 at the Park and Recreation office, upper level of city hall. Team fees are \$85 and player fees are \$15.

Becker, Williams to play in Division II Cactus Bowl

Senior defensive tackle Aaron Becker and senior linebacker Brian Williams have been invited to play in the Cactus Bowl. The Cactus Bowl, formerly known as the Snow Bowl, is the all-star game for senior NCAA Division II players.

The game will be played in Kingsville, Texas, and will be hosted by Texas A&M - Kingsville University. The Cactus Bowl is slated for Jan. 12. Becker and Williams will be in Kingsville from Jan. 7-12 in preparation for the game.

Oklahoma team struggling, heads to Big 12 title game

By JOHN DAWSON
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Football coaches try to avoid late-season meltdowns. It's not good for confidence, and sometimes, there's not enough time to recover from a November surprise. But no one said that being good was easy. And during a national championship run, expect the unexpected.

In a way, top-ranked Oklahoma may have been exposed three weeks ago. If they are to fall short of their national championship hopes, credit Texas A&M for discovering the Sooners' Achilles heel.

Three weeks ago, the Aggies gambled Sooners' quarterback Josh Heupel was the only player that could beat them. To that end, A&M dropped seven and often eight men back into zone coverage, desperately trying to keep Heupel from scorching them deep.

It took nifty running from Quentin Griffin and a timely interception return for a touchdown by Torrence Marshall to snatch away the victory in Kyle Field. They called it "Sooner Magic."

"We're seeing a lot of the opposing color down the field," Oklahoma receiver Damian Mackey said. "We're just not doing things right like we used to."

By the next week, the word had spread. Texas Tech dropped seven and eight into zone coverage and

the Sooners put up just 20 points on offense, half as many as their normal output.

Facing a similar defense against in-state rival Oklahoma State on Saturday, the Sooners' offense could only muster a field goal and a touchdown, but it was enough.

It will take more than 10 offensive points this Saturday if they're to beat Kansas State and go to the Orange Bowl. And don't think the Wildcats haven't been watching. But will Kansas State's Bill Snyder do anything about it?

"I think we're a program that's ingrained in certain things," he said. "I don't think we'll make a lot of wholesale changes. But I do know this, whatever we do, we'll have to do it better this time."

As in better than 41 points allowed, like their first matchup with Oklahoma.

Despite what Snyder said, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops said he expected to see more zone defense this time around.

"That has not been their style, but I'm sure they'll do it," he said. "I'm sure they won't change everything, they've been too good at what they do, but I think they'll try to play a little more zone than they have."

For the Sooners, it could be just another blip on the radar of a championship season or it could be Heupel's kryptonite.

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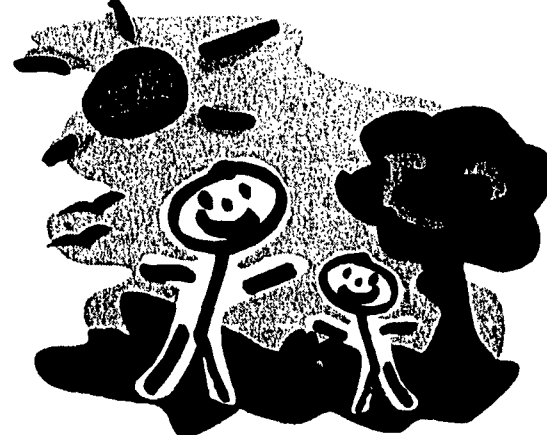
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Your Man calls readers out

"Proud to Be a Bearcat" Fun Fact for the Week: A new Bearcat card costs \$15. Yeah, for a piece of plastic with your crappy Freshman picture on the front. Any reaction?

I just have to ask: Does anything make you angry here? Anything? ARAMARK food, maybe. Or the fact that Perrin Hall looks like a World War I army barracks? In my five and a half years here, I've found that nothing upsets Northwest students. Nothing. Instead of taking a stand and doing something to challenge the system, we complain about how cold it is or why we can't find a parking spot. Reality check: Winter = cold, and at least you don't have to take a shuttle-bus to class, so quit whining.

Am I saying all Northwest students are stupid, shallow and selfish? While that significantly contributes to the problem, Northwest students have a difficult time seeing the "big picture." If this is the first article you read when you pick up the paper, then you've proven my point. If this is the only article you read in the paper, you're just pathetic.

I've enjoyed reading the suggestions that I should either be less critical or just leave. Look at the big picture. If I hated Maryville, then yes, I would leave. But it's my obligation to "stroll" around without rose-colored glasses. Newsflash: Maryville is not



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perfect. I've been everywhere from New York to L.A., from Paris to Rome, and believe me, the Outback is far from "World Famous." As long as you think it is, though, then you're only contributing to this problem called "narrow-mindedness."

Of course, Northwest hasn't always been this passive. In 1964, 700 Northwest students halted traffic on Highway 71 for over an hour (stopping traffic for three miles) in protest against the horrible cafeteria food. In 1971, many students nailed their yearbooks to telephone poles and burned them because they felt the yearbooks didn't

represent Greeks. And if you're not impressed with local rebellion, let's look at other universal examples: Woodstock, Tiananmen Square, and the Berlin Wall, just to name a few. Those incidents happened because people our age wanted to make a firm and bold statement. If you want to change society by yourself, don't get discouraged: Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison and Rosa Parks did, not because they were innate geniuses, but because they had imagination and courage. What's stopping you?

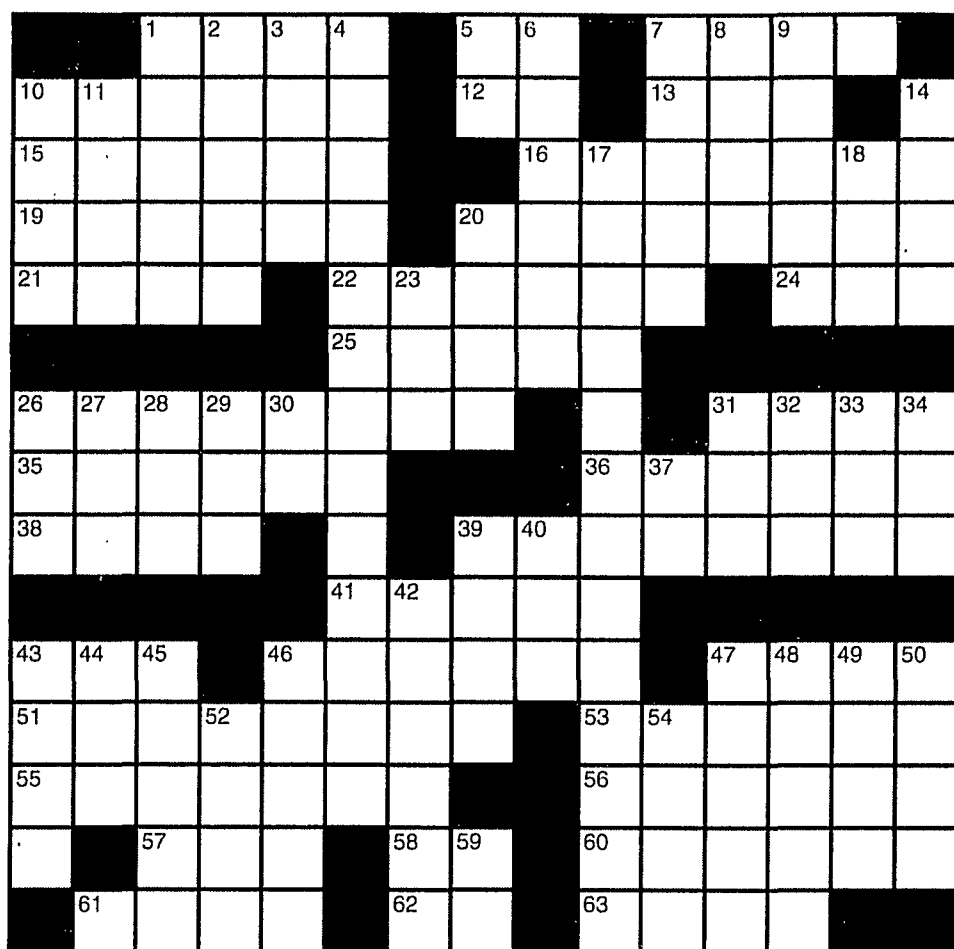
If you think I'm such a terrible person for criticizing Maryville and Northwest, why don't you do something about it? Monday, Dec. 4, meet at the Belltower at noon in a silent protest against me. Let me accent the word SILENT. If you create public chaos, you'll only destroy the movement.

This isn't going to be a riot, just a stand against Your Man. Of course, if you don't come, you'll justify and support everything I've written for the past three months. Belltower, Monday, Dec. 4, noon. If I'm right, you won't be there. Prove me wrong.

The worst you can do is nothing.

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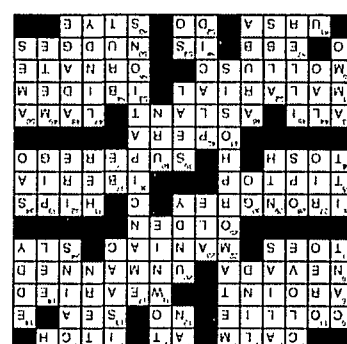


ACROSS

1. Before the storm
5. "She'll be there" 3 p.m.
7. Seven year
10. Lassie
12. Opposite of Yes
13. There are seven
15. Begone!
16. Mentally exhausted
19. State next to California
20. Without people
21. A ballerina dances here
22. Madman
24. Wily
25. Long ago times
26. Hair color
31. Rose
35. The highest point
36. Spain and Portugal
38. To neat
39. The conscience
41. Carmen, e.g.
43. Baha

DOWN

46. Obliquely
47. Tibetan priest
51. Unwholesome
53. "In the same book"
55. A clam
56. Overly showy
57. A tide
58. Present indicative of he
60. Prods
61. A major star
62. Hair style
63. Eye ailment
1. Piece of garlic
2. False name
3. Opera singer Jerry
4. Change from one stage to another
5. Actinon chemical symbol
6. One not living on campus
7. Managing editor of "Sports Night"
8. Sea bird
9. Percentages of Irish farm crops
10. Whining speech
11. Nabisco cookie
14. Whirl
17. States of being free
18. Elongated fish
23. Malt beverage
26. Hotel parent company
27. "Learn it to"
28. Roman Goddess of plenty
29. A degree
30. Pass this and get \$200
31. Female
32. Rage
33. Young swine
34. Portuguese saint
37. To occupy a space
39. A stamp
40. Where ashes lie
42. A NY lake
43. Military supplies



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